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The Palestinian leadership has welcomed Security Council resolution 1397 (2002) of 12 March and has expressed its readiness to comply with its provisions and to implement it in full. We believe that the Israeli government is under the obligation to declare the same in an unambiguous way. That will ensure that Security Council resolution 1397 (2002) will indeed help end the current tragic situation on the ground and push the parties towards the path of peace. We call on the international community to ensure that this will be the case. Unfortunately, however, Israel, the occupying Power, despite the adoption of Security Council resolution 1397 (2002) continues to wage its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people. This has included additional war crimes and State terrorism.

With regard to the latest massive Israeli incursion, while the occupying forces were withdrawn from inside Palestinian cities, they remained around cities and refugee camps, effectively maintaining a siege on them. Today, a Palestinian woman, her three children (ages 4, 8, 16) and her 10-year-old nephew were killed in an explosion when their donkey cart struck an Israeli landmine in the central Gaza Strip. This war crime was a grim reminder of a similar tragedy on 22 November 2001 when five Palestinian boys were blown to pieces when an Israeli landmine exploded in an area used by civilians. Also today, Israeli occupying forces, continuing to use excessive and indiscriminate lethal force, shot and killed a Palestinian police officer while he was in his home.

The Israeli occupying forces have also continued to carry out military actions against ambulances and medical personnel and facilities. Today, another hospital, the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, reported that Israeli tanks opened fire with heavy machine guns in its direction, inflicting substantial damage to the facility.

In follow-up to our previous 107 letters to you regarding the escalating crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 12 March 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-

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I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 15 March 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Monday, 13 March 2002 to Friday, 15 March 2002)

Wednesday, 13 March 2002

1. Faud Subhi A'deely
2. Naeem Ismail Abdelhady Alzabaineh
3. Saqr Abdel Mutaleb Musleh (18 years old)

Thursday, 14 March 2002

1. Maher Sherif Mohammed Abed Rabbo
2. Mohammed Fayeq Abu Lutfieh
3. Mohammed Faisal Mohammed Abu Al-Neel
4. Ahmed Saeed Khalil Al-Gharabaly
5. Jameel Abdallah Nawawrah (from wounds sustained on 5 March 2002)
6. Maher Balbessy
7. Mu'tasem Mahmoud Hamad Maklouf
8. Zakaria Musaad Mansour Shiekh Al-Eid

Friday, 15 March 2002

1. Kamal Abdel Nasser Rajab
2. Wa'el Mousa Al-Akhras
3. Esmaeel Abu Taha
4. Zeinab El-Awawdeh
5. Tahani El-Awawdeh (16 years old)
6. Amani El-Awawdeh (10 years old)
7. Salem El-Awawdeh (8 years old)
8. Tareq El-Awawdeh (4 years old)

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